

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/516,796  
Applicant(s) : Mark Stefan BESSELINK et al.  
Filed : August 12, 2005  
Title : **ORTHESESIS WITH MULTIPLE HINGE**  
Group Art Unit : 3676  
Confirmation No. : 7326  
Examiner : Not Yet Assigned  
Customer No. : 28289

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) together with a completed Form PTO/SB/08A.

This application is the United States national phase of PCT Application No. PCT/NL03/00418, filed June 5, 2003. The references cited with this IDS were identified in

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 23, 2006.

Bruce L. White

(Name of Person Mailing Paper)

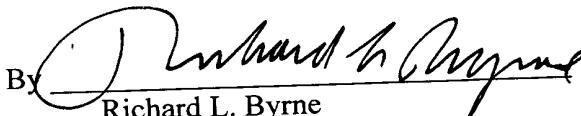
Bruce L. White 3/23/2006  
Signature Date

an International Search Report (ISR) dated September 9, 2003 for the PCT application. The cited references include U.S. Patent No. 6,203,511, U.S. Patent No. 6, 090,057, U.S. Patent No. 6,027,466, U.S. Patent No. 5,421,810 and DE 195 25 671. An English-language abstract is provided for DE 195 25 671, which is relevant for reasons provided therein. In addition, the first page of the applicants' specification identified U.S. Patent No. 5,792,086 and GB 2,099,309, which are relevant for reasons provided therein. As the Notice of Acceptance dated January 17, 2006 indicated that the ISR has been received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, a copy is not provided herewith. The cited U.S. patents are not enclosed pursuant to the waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i).

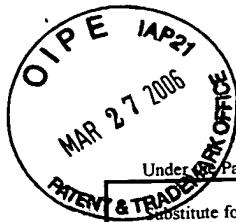
Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, it is timely filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) and no fee is required. The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

THE WEBB LAW FIRM

By 

Richard L. Byrne  
Registration No. 28,498  
Attorney for Applicants  
436 Seventh Avenue  
700 Koppers Building  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1818  
Telephone: (412) 471-8815  
Facsimile: (412) 471-4094  
E-mail: [webblaw@webblaw.com](mailto:webblaw@webblaw.com)



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

PTO/SB/08a (07-05)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

				<i>Complete if Known</i>
Application Number	10/516,796			
Filing Date	August 12, 2005			
First Named Inventor	Mark Stefan Besseling			
Art Unit	3676			
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned			
Attorney Docket Number	3985-045798			
Sheet	1	of	1	

### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
		US- 6,203,511	03-20-2001	James A. Johnson et al.	
		US- 6,090,057	07-18-2000	Bryon E. Collins et al.	
		US- 6,027,466	02-22-2000	Beat Diefenbacher et al.	
		US- 5,421,810	06-06-1995	Kenneth P. Davis	
		US- 5,792,086	08-11-1998	Jean-Claude Bleau et al.	
		US-			

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		DE 195 25 671	01-16-1997		Abstract	
		GB 2,099,309	12-08-1982			

Examiner Signature	Date Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.